Constitution of Atomic Energy Regulatory Board

3016. SHRI AMAL DATTA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) What is the constitution of the Atomic Energy Regulatory Board :

(b) Who are the present Chairman and Members of the said Board and by what process and by whom they have been selected :

(c) How the independence of the Board against the influence of either the Atomic Energy Commission or the Government is ensured: and

(d) What is the establishment under the command/exclusive control of the Board through which its functions are carried out with details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI. MARGARET ALVA) : (a) Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB) has been set up by the Government of India in terms of the Atomic Energy Act, 1962, to carry out certain regulatory and safety functions envisaged under the Act. The Board consists of full time and part time members. The Board has a full time Chairman and a full time Member-Secretary. The total number of members including the Chairman and the Member-Secretary should not exceed five. The Atomic Energy Regulatory Board is responsible to the Atomic Energy Commission. The constitution, powers and functions of the Board were notified by the Government on 15th November, 1983.

(b) The present Chairman and Members of the Board are :

1.	Shri S. D. Soman	: Chairman
2.	Dr. R. D. Lele, Medical Director, Jaslok Hospital & Research Centre, Bombay.	: Member
3.	Dr. S. S. Ramaswamy, Retd. Director General Factory Advice Service & Labour Institute, Bombay.	: Member
4.	Dr. A Gopalakrishnan, Director, Central Mechanical Engineering Research Institute, Durgapur.	: Member
5.	Shri M. S. R. Sarma Chairman, Safety Review Committee for Operating Plants (SARCOP), Bombay.	: Ex-officio Member

The Atomic Energy Commission recommends from amongst a panel of names, the Chairman of the Board. Its recommendation is subsequently considered by the Government and finally approved by the Appointments Committee of Cabinet. Members of the Board are recommended by Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission for approval by Government. Their appointment is based on their expertise in the field and their professional eminence.

(c) The Atomic Energy Regulatory Board reports to Atomic Energy Commission and is independent of the Department of Atomic Energy. Its members are eminent in various safety related disciplines. Three of them are not connected with the activities of the Atomic Energy Commission . This ensures the independence of the Board.

(d) The Atomic Energy Regulatory Board has a staff of 40 Scientists/ Engineers. It has its own administrative set-up. It carries out its functions through various Advisory Committees for which expertise is also drawn from academic institutions and consultants.